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## AMERICA

Owes Nothing to Great Britain or  
Any of the Allied  
Nations.  
Public Tired of the Hypocritical  
Cry That England  
Saved Us.  
Pro-English Press and Tondyers to  
Royalty Spreading the  
Falschhood.

### AMERICA CAN STAND ALONE.

The pro-English press, following the lead of the John Bull organs, are decrying America's part in the war while the tondyers to royalty in this country are taking up the refrain, and crying that England and the Allies saved America. Editor Brisbane in a stirring editorial ridicules the claims of England's boosters as follows:

"The London Daily Graphic says: 'Had it not been for the endurance and sacrifices of the Allies the Monroe doctrine would not be much to do besides a sweet memory controlled by Germany. That being the case, why shouldn't America make some sacrifices in return for the Allies' services?'"

This stuff has a familiar sound. We need to hear such patriots as James M. Beck, George Haven Putnam and other servicable British hornblowers delivering themselves of that kind of tommyrot. But really we thought this gentry had realized that their day was over. We will tell the London Graphic and all its kind, abroad and at home, a few plain, matter-of-fact truths. There never was a day nor an hour when this America of ours stood in the slightest danger of subjugation by Germany. The German Imperial Government never saw an hour or a day when it could have whipped America, or when it would have risked the effort. There never was an hour or a day when Germany would have had anything to gain by war with the United States. There never has been an hour or a day since the German Empire was founded in 1871 when the United States navy was not more than able to beat the German navy and to defend our coasts from the landing of a German army—not a day, not an hour, not a minute.

No one nation in the world could whip us. No two nations in the world could whip us. The whole world together could not subjugate us. Why? Because the products of our soil, the vast extent of our territory, make us a self-sustaining nation unconquerable from without. We can not be made the victims of blockade. Our coasts are too long to be blockaded. And if they could be blockaded, we have in our own land everything we need to make war and to feed our people. The German people numbered about 65,000,000 when the war broke out; the whole territory of the empire was 60,000 square miles—less than that of the single State of Texas; the country had no natural defensive boundaries of sea or mountains; it was surrounded by implacable enemies, it had an insignificant sea coast; it could not grow enough food to feed its population.

The American people number 110,000,000; they occupy a territory more than ten times the extent of the German Empire; the soil is fertile, the climate of every variety, the mineral and fuel resources inexhaustible, the people intelligent and inventive; there are enough young men to keep the army and navy at numerical strength above 10,000,000 for an indefinite time; the country is gridironed with railroads and waterways; the distances are so vast that the whole German army, in its full prime, could not provide enough troops to maintain lines of communication across it, let alone maintaining a fighting, subjugating force.

To talk of Germany crossing three thousand miles of sea and subjugating our huge country and our enormous fighting population is to talk foolishness. Certainly no government that ever reigned in Berlin dreamed of undertaking such a hopeless task. It is true that Germany did for four years make successful war against France, England, Italy and Russia, with their minor allies, though these four Powers outnumbered the Germans three to one in man-power and naval power, and much more than that in money-power. But Germany accomplished that tremendous military feat because she lay in the center of the ring of enemies and could strike first here and there, and because the German armies were better trained. But what earthly good would her armies or her generals have done her in a war with America when she had no conceivable way of landing those armies in America or of keeping open sea communication lines had she been able to land an army on our soil?

We say again that there never was a minute when we were in any danger at all from any attack Germany might mediate, except the vast effort and terrible cost of having to beat off such an attack, and no German high command, in its wildest dreams, ever thought that it could subjugate America. The Allies made no sacrifice for America. Not a sacrifice. The Allies were entirely too busy trying to hold Germany back to think any-



AMERICAN GENERALS RETURNED FROM EUROPE.

Left Major Gen. George O. Squire; right, Lieut. Gen. Hunter Liggett, Commander of the American First Army in France, who will take charge of the Department of the West. Insert, Major Gen. Mason Patrick.

## DEMOCRATS

Enthusiastic Over the Harmonious  
Convention and Party  
Prospects.

Gloomy Outlook for Morrow Grows  
More Pronounced Despite  
Phil Brown.

Col. Petty Waives Aside the Constitu-  
tion and Closes Open  
Forum.

### NEAR MAYOR GETTING TIRED.

The big gathering of Democrats here for the State convention this week and the harmonious proceedings augur well for an old-fashioned victory in November, and the enthusiasm of the delegates gathered from every section bodes no good for the Hart-Searcy machine and its hand-picked candidate, Morrow. For the first time in many years and in many gatherings there was no contention or friction between the Stanley and Beckham followers, the factions having been broken up, and now the Democratic party in this State is remarkable for its unity and harmony. It was amusing to see the attempts of the Louisville Herald, the official Republican organ, and Republican Boss Hart's personal booster organs, the Courier-Journal, and Times, trying to create friction in Democratic ranks. Of course all Democrats realized the Herald was only playing the part of a political organ whose legitimate role is to attack or harass the political enemy. But the daily bushwhacking attempts of the Bingham press, posing as Democratic organs, is not received so well. The thousands of Democrats throughout the State see through the party wrecking methods and wonder why the stupid policy is pursued, a blundering policy that is fooling no one.

Delegates from every section to the convention reported the same thing in regard to the candidacy of Morrow, the Republican nominee for Governor. All agree that he is weaker considerably than four years ago, many of the old-line Republicans refusing to put their shoulder to the wheel because the party is controlled body and soul by Hart, a newcomer in the State and a new comer in the Republican ranks. Again, the big asset to the Republican party in Kentucky—the negro Republican vote—is very much disgruntled over the Warley-Ryans race here, and negroes in even the reddest sections of the State know Warley, the colored man, was robbed and cheated in the most bungling election they ever perpetrated. That the Republican machine leaders know this is evidenced by the fact that Phil Brown, the negro politician of Hopkinsville, has been brought here and placed in the Republican headquarters to pacify the negro voters at any cost. Brown is a big cog in the Republican machine, having cast the one-half vote that made Hart National Republican Committeeman and shoved John McCulloch, George Jolly and the old guard Republicans in a back seat. For his work Brown was given a "Minister to Dahomey" job recently, but spends all his time now trying to pacify the angry colored Republicans. So, all in all, the situation looks mighty gloomy for Howdy B. Morrow, the "rattlin' good speaker," which is about all the G. O. P. press can say in boosting him.

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anteeing this majority, according to the accusation of Felix Dumas, President of the Board of Councilmen. By, my, my, what a change! The local Republican machine is fighting with its back to the wall and has given up all hope of carrying the Fifth district at all. In the Labor day parade over 20,000 men in line passed the City Hall, and the cry went up from section after section of the parade, "We'll get you, November." The strikers and the entire union labor followers are sore on near Mayor Smith and his administration, while the company officials, the retail merchants and the public in general blame Smith and the "reform" administration for not averting the strike, while everyone agrees that the general inefficiency of the Keystone cops has prevented a settlement before now. In every direction up thus far THE KEYSTONE COMEDY COPS HAVE DONE THE WRONG THING AT THE WRONG TIME.

The feature this week in our street car strike situation was the action of Chief of Police Petty, of Shelbyville, who forbade the people of Louisville to have any more open meetings, placing a ban on Open Forum meetings. Well, all we can say is that if our Shelby county boss can get away with this the framers of the United States Constitution will have to reconstruct the Bill of Rights, which gives the right of free speech to every citizen of this country. Mind you, now, Petty did not say that all meetings intended to incite riot would be stopped, but he said that all meetings of the Open Forum or public gatherings would be stopped. In this connection attention is referred to the bright lights who gathered together Monday morning in the near Mayor's office, and their attempts to bluff the whole people of Louisville because of the actions of one or two rabid socialists who "buted" in on the strike situation for notoriety. The aforesaid brilliant legal luminaries quoted Section 1241-A of the Kentucky Statutes, which refers to "persons banding themselves together for insurrection, etc." This section had no more to do with the case in question than Article X of the League of Nations applies to why does a chicken cross the street. Wonder if Dr. Howell, Dr. McReady, Dr. Callahan and other organizers of the Open Forum are going to allow Chief Petty to get away with his unlawful Czar-like decree.

The march on the City Hall of the strikers and the flustered and badly rattled attitude of the "reform" administration bosses furnished some amusement anyway. There was Col. Petty rushing through the streets like the Town Marshal of Squedunk to beat the parade to the City Hall steps. Then his appearance on the steps to quiet the noble Romans murmuring in the street, surrounded by a little body of Keystone comedy cops. It wasn't long for the poor "chick" cops thought there they stood frightened out of their very lives at the big crowd, their knees shaking together, the bone rattling comparisons favorably with Al Fields' end men. Judging from their appearance the crowd would have never got near our brave Keystone guardians. They might have started towards the comedy cops, but getting near them was another thing. It would have been a case of "let somebody run the can run" through the City Hall corridor. Those boys were sure set for a sprint, but the Chief's line of "bull" saved the day, or the night rather, as no harm was done. Next day the Keystone police showed their bravery though! Forty-seven of them ran a committee of three-away from the City Hall entrance, and they didn't have to call out the Keystone riot squad either.

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GERMANS WHO FACE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

Not only ex-Kaisers and Crown Prince, but also Admiral von Capelle upper right. Upper left, Gen. von Bulow; center, Field-Marshal von Mackensen; lower right, Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria; lower left, Gen. Liman von Sanders are on the Allies' criminal list.

## EPISCOPAL

Clergyman Reports Steadily Increasing Support for the Irish Republic.

Rev. James Gratian Mythen Says Religious Issue Nothing But Trick.

Frequently Invited to State Ireland's Cause From Protestant Pulpits.

### PRESBYTERIAN IS A PLEADER.

Steadily increasing support for the cause of the Irish republic among Americans of all creeds and classes is reported by the Rev. James Gratian Mythen, an Episcopalian clergyman who has recently completed several speaking tours in the interest of Irish freedom. "The outstanding impression I received," said Dr. Mythen, "are, first, that it is sound American doctrine to demand the application of the principle of self-determination to nations held in unwilling subjection by our associates in the late war as well as to peoples formerly enslaved by the Central Empires; and second, that the theory of the Irish question as a religious issue is receiving its death blow at the hands of American Protestants."

Dr. Mythen is assistant minister of Christ Episcopal church, Norfolk, Va., and minister in charge of the Community church, undenominational, at Baltimore, where he has the largest congregation in the country. Volunteering as a chaplain when America entered the war, he saw service abroad till the armistice was signed. He is a powerful orator, and his statement of Ireland's case before the Irish race convention in Philadelphia on Washington's birthday electrified his audience, including Cardinal Gibbons and many other Catholic dignitaries. His recent itinerary carried him through a dozen Western States as well as New England, New York and Pennsylvania, and everywhere he reports whole-hearted enthusiasm for the Irish cause among Americans who are not of Irish blood, and very notably among strongly Protestant sections. Ministers warmly seconded his advocacy of the application of America's war aims to Ireland, and the only exception to this rule was found to be an unnaturalized British subject.

"The so-called religious issue in Ireland," said Dr. Mythen, "is nothing but a common political trick by which English militarism seeks to justify its rule of might in that country. It aims to sow dissension among a naturally tolerant and amiable people, and to exaggerate that dissension a hundred-fold in the eyes of Americans. Yet the masses of Catholic Irishmen have repeatedly followed Protestant leaders like Dean Swift, Henry Grattan, Wolfe Tone, Robert Emmet and Charles Stewart Parnell, while on the other hand the last election proved that Protestants give equal confidence to Catholic leaders in patriotic matters, as many Sinn Féin candidates who happened to be Catholics were elected by Ulster constituencies with large Protestant populations."

"The common sense of Americans refuses longer to be confused by this injection of a fictitious religious character into what is purely a fight for national rights such as we went to war to vindicate. In the Western States I was frequently invited to state Ireland's cause from Protestant pulpits. But in was in New Hampshire that I found the most remarkable evidences of American opinion on the Irish question transcending sectarian lines. Speaking recently at Portsmouth, Dover, Manchester and Concord, I had ministers of several denominations in every meet-

## IMPRISONED

Trying Experience of Bishop Who Dared to Tell the Truth.

A Courageous Champion of Morality and the People's Right.

Taken Like Criminal and Confined in Guatemala For Candor of Sermon.

### THE VENAL PRESS ASSISTS.

Some of our people have been telling us of late to be "constructive" in our efforts at social reform. They do not want us to criticize. They do not want us to be "calamity howlers." They do not even want us to resent unjust attacks upon our most precious liberties. They want us simply to swim with the current of popular opinion, and meekly to approve of every measure that those in power see fit to propose. Now sometimes the way for constructive work must be prepared by a little hewing away and demolition. Debris must be carted away before the foundations of the new building can be laid. And so it is in social reform. We must root out evils before we can erect the temple of social justice.

We must do a little such preliminary work today by pointing out a crying evil which exists in a neighboring country and which is there effectively hampering and clogging the path to the upbuilding of solid social reform. Fortunately the terrible abuse does not yet exist to the same extent in our country. But are we not allowed to learn from sad conditions in other lands, in order to be better prepared to stave off such calamities from our own people?

Bishop Pinol y Batres had been directed by the Holy See to preach a series of sermons in the archdiocese of Guatemala. Large audiences were present at the conferences. These were some of the subjects, which it should be noted are not only of religious but also of social interest. The prevailing sin of modern society, the corrupt administration of justice; the growth of concubinage; the general looseness of morals of students in colleges and public schools; unjust centralization of power in the hands of a few persons; the unquestioning submission demanded of subjects in matters which are illicit; the misuse of public moneys; the harsh treatment of native laborers; official sanction of "graft" on the part of public officials; failure of officials to give account of funds entrusted to them for the common welfare.

Topics of this kind are discussed every day in our leading papers, and the editor is regarded as an apostle of righteousness for doing so. But in Guatemala the press is terrorized. No paper dares to speak the truth. In touching upon these matters the Bishop spoke only what was of common knowledge and made no personal attack upon any one. He said what many wished to say, and should have said, but left unsaid for fear of the consequences. The Bishop did not even speak of these questions from the political, but only from the moral viewpoint. The lectures were given from May 1 to 14 of the present year.

During the night of May 16, at 8:30 in the morning, a band of ruffians broke into the Bishop's home, came up to his bedroom, and without any warrant arrested him. He was taken away like a criminal to Escuintla and held "incommunicado" by the police. On the 17th he was taken to the capital. On the evening of the 18th he underwent a preliminary hearing on the subject of the sermons he had delivered. He was accused of having uttered "subversive words," of having excited the people against the constituted authority, of having made direct, particular and personal allusions against them, and of having directed a conspiracy against the Government. Seeing that the Bishop was in the hands of the ruling powers, the cowardly papers curried favor with the Government by heaping calumnies upon him. The official and the anti-Catholic press accused the prelate of being a disturber of the public peace and of public order. The Catholic people protested against the unjust treatment of their Bishop. A document, signed by more than 600 persons, who had either been present at the sermons, or received accounts of them from reliable witnesses, assured the Government that "there was no abuse of freedom of speech, and that he (the Bishop) said nothing which might be interpreted as a counsel or a hint to do anything against the laws of the authority of the Republic." They also asked that "in consideration of the dignity of our religion and in accordance with strict justice, the Government should restore the Bishop to liberty." The result of this loyal declaration in favor of the innocent prisoner was that the President ordered Don Caesar de Garro, a Spaniard and proprietor of the printing shop where the document was printed, as well as all who had helped to spread it, to be imprisoned. Many persons, among them several ladies of high station, were sent to prison for having expressed a wish to speak with the prelate.

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MRS. W. H. SOMERS.

When President Wilson shook hands with the wife of Gen. Somers, he was the twentieth Chief Executive of the United States to whom she had been introduced. She is ninety years old.